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Number of Nails to a Horseshoe.
Centuries ago there lived a farrier,
Walter le Bran by name, whose dex-
terity at the anvil on the occasion of
a great tilting meeting on the banks
of the Thames was noticed by the
then reigning monarch, Edward III.,
who rewarded the blacksmith by
granting him sufficient land adjoining
the tilting green for the erection there-
on of a forge. As quit rent he had to
present annually to the king six horse-
shoes and sixty-one horseshoe nails.
To the modern mind the number of
nails would appear to be superfluous,
but when it is remembered that the
horseshoes of that period required ten
nails apiece it will be seen that the
calculations of Edward III. merely al-
lowed one over in case of accident.
Furthermore, the shoes were all to be
for the horse's fore feet, from which
fact some historians draw the infer-
ence that the animals ridden in the
knights' tournaments were encouraged
to injure each other with their front
hoofs.—London News.

"Correct to a T."

Our earliest quotation for this or for
the kindred phrases "to suit one to a
T," "to fit to a T," "to know one to a
T," is of 1603. Can any one help us
to an earlier example? No one of our
many instances throws any light upon
its origin. A current obvious con-
jecture would explain "a T" as meaning
"a T square," but to this there are var-
ious objections. We have no evi-
dence as yet that the name "T square"
goes back to the seventeenth century
and no example of its being called
simply "a T," and in few if any of
our instances would the substitution
of "a T square" for "a T" make any
tolerable sense. The notion seems
rather to be that of minute exactness,
as it were "to the minutest point." But
the evidence is mainly negative. If
examples can be found of "T
square" before 1700 or of its reduction
simply to "T" or of earlier examples
of "to a T" they may help to settle the
actual origin.—London Notes and
Queries.

The First Wire Nail.

Although the wire nail is a small
thing, it would be a big thing to do
without. Probably no one could esti-
mate the millions or billions or tril-
lions—whatever the number may be—
that are used in a single year. Yet
the first wire nails in the United States
were made no longer ago than 1872.
The first machine for their manufac-
ture was brought over from Dussel-
dorf and set up in Covington, Ky.
Later this single machine was multi-
plied by four and a company was or-
ganized. In 1884 the manufacture of
wire nails was begun in Beaver Falls,
Pa., and the product was already be-
ginning to grow in popularity and use-
fulness. Just a year later a strike
temporarily shut off the manufacture
of cut nails, and the wire nail was in
such demand that the manufacturers
were swamped. From that time dates
the supremacy of the wire nail.—Chi-
cago Post.

The First Fireless Cooker.

Soon after the battle of White
Plains, N. Y., while the American
forces were drifting toward North
Castle, the lone occupant of a house,
one of the Pierce families, on the Bedford
road at Pleasantville, N. Y., looking
out of the window, descried a posse
of Hessian soldiery coming up the
pike. Having just placed a number
of loaves of bread in the old Dutch
oven, she bethought herself that it
would be well to secrete them until
the soldier band passed. She at once
removed the loaves, which had already
become heated, and ran up in the at-
tic and placed them between two
feather beds. The soldiers arrived in
due time and soon appropriated every-
thing removable. After their depart-
ure the housewife remembered the
bread exodus, ran up the stairs, and
lo, the bread was done to the "queen's
taste!"—Magazine of American His-
tory.

Figure It Out.

A beggar boy asked an old gentleman
in the street for sixpence.
"What will you do with it if I give
you one?" asked the old gentleman.
"Turn it into ninepence quick," re-
plied the boy.
"How?"
"Give me the sixpence and I'll soon
show you."
The boy got the money, darted off to
a baker's shop and bought a three
penny loaf, with which he returned to
the old gentleman and handed him
back 3 pennies.
"How's this? You said you would
make the sixpence into ninepence."
"So I have. The baker's got three-
pence, you've got threepence, and I've
got a threepenny loaf. That's nine-
pence."—Pearson's Weekly.

Late Hour Explained.

"What kept you until this late hour?"
asked the husband of his suffragette
wife.
"Well, my dear," she answered meek-
ly, "you see it took us an hour to
greet one another, the meeting lasted
thirty minutes, and the rest of the
time was spent in saying goodbye."—
Detroit Free Press.

When Women Run Us.

Friend—So your detective force is a
failure? Chief Emma—Yes; we can't
find any one who is willing to be a
plain clothes woman.—Puck.

Had Had His.

Sioux Chief—Why didn't you torture
the baldhead? Piute Chief—What was
the use? He had been married for
twenty years.—Buffalo Express.

To attempt to make everything em-
phatic is to make nothing emphatic.—
Whately.

Nature makes the cures
after all.

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into a tight place and
needs helping out.

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the system in the right
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Rabbi Enjoyed Laugh on Skeptic Who
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A recently arrived skeptic and cynic
came to see him once with a "case"
intended to put the reverend gentle-
man "up a tree." He called on the
rabbi at his residence on Henry
street and begged to be healed and
consoled.

"I suffer," said the skeptic, "from
two maladies. I have a great weak-
ness—I cannot tell the truth, and that
hurts my soul terribly. And I have
lost the sense of taste in my mouth;
something is wrong with my tongue."
Mr. Widewitz studied the man a
moment, seemed to be perplexed, and
said: "Come again to-morrow. It is
a difficult case. I shall have to re-
flect upon it. If God wills, I shall be
able to help you."

When the patient returned next day
the rabbi brought forth a pill he had
prepared, told the doubly afflicted
man to open his mouth and showed it
in. The pill was of considerable size.
Scarcely had the patient allowed it to
dissolve somewhat in his mouth than
he began to spit, with an expression
of the greatest disgust and exclaimed:
"What do you mean? That's tar and
sulphur and kerosene you gave me.
Do you want to poison me? Phui!"
"Well, what are you making so
much noise about?" laughed the rabbi,
with great heartiness. "Hasn't
God performed a miracle? You have
told the truth—it is really tar and
sulphur and kerosene. And you have
actually recovered the sense of taste
in your mouth!"—New York Press.

SET AVERAGE MAN THINKING

Could There Be Anything Sarcastic
in What She So Quietly Set
Forth?

"How sad it is," said the Average
Man to the Average Woman, "that you
are a tiresome creature—considered,
of course, from a purely impersonal
standpoint."

"I am interested," said the Average
Woman. "Pray go on—as far as you
like. I'm in the mood where real can-
dor is the only thing I care for. Why
then, am I tiresome?"

"Because of your limited range.
For example, your conversation is ex-
clusively confined to babies and
bridge, servants and cigarettes,
clothes and cottons."

"How interesting!" exclaimed the
Average Woman, "and how true!
That suggests an idea. I shall re-
form."

"In what way?"
She smiled ambitiously.
"Hereafter," she said, "I shall widen
my range of thought to include busi-
ness, sport, woman and the quality of
tobacco and rum, interspersed occa-
sionally by the telling of indecent sto-
ries."

The Average Man had nothing to
say. Indeed, for the first time in his
life he was actually thinking.—Life.

Name of Clothes.

"Funny, isn't it," said the observant
woman, "how our clothes are named.
In some of them there is a sort of pre-
tense that may please others, but it
seems absurd to me. For instance, I
have had a woman show me a coat
and tell me how fine it would be for
driving when neither I nor one in a
hundred of her customers would ever
get into a carriage. Then the motor
veils! Just see how every woman
rushes to get them. I suppose they
will be selling thousands of aviation
hats next. But if you don't realize
how our clothes are named and the
foolishness of it, just consider that at
the same time a woman may wear a
so-called tennis blouse, a sailor collar,
walking shoes, a riding hat, a motor
veil, a trotting skirt, a golf vest and a
driving coat. And in spite of the com-
plexity of sports she wouldn't look
particularly incongruous, either."

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